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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS
AND METHOD, AND COMPONENT
MOUNTING EQUIPMENT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 5, 2002, the period for response having been extended for two (2) months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 18 as follows (a clean set of all of the pending claims is presented for the Examiner's convenience):

8.(Six Times Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position;

a first mounting head section having a plurality of rotatably supported component suction nozzles, wherein the first head section can rotate the component